GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SELLING OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some employees of the Central Government Health Scheme have been arrested on charges of pilfering and selling medicines meant only for distribution through the CGHS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken against the guilty persons; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)to(d) On the basis of intelligence report gathered by the Delhi Police, North District 6.6.2007, it apprehended one person namely Shri Maya Ram, when he was found selling CGHS supply medicines in open market.In this regard an FIR 230/2007 dated 6.6.2007 under Section 420/411 IPC, Police Station, Chandni Chowk, Delhi was registered.

During the investigation a large number of medicines for CGHS supply, not for sale were recovered from the house of the accused, Shri Maya Ram. At the instance of accused Shri Maya Ram, one Shri Lal Chand was apprehended and 100 bottles of syrup, benedryal marked CGHS supply was recovered. Both accused persons were arrested.

On 8.6.2007 on the pointing of accused Shri Maya Ram, one person namely Shri Jagdish, an employee of CGHS was arrested and the bottles of medicines CGHS supply were recovered from his house.

On the pointing of accused, one store-keeper of CGHS dispensary namely Shri Balik Ram Gautam was arrested and bottles of medicines of CGHS supply were recovered from his house.

CGHS employees Shri Jagdish and Shri Gautam who were arrested by the police have put under deemed suspension from the date of arrest by the police. The then CMO in-charge, Dr. G.S.Goel, was given an opportunity to explain as to why action should not be taken against him, on the disclosure statement, of accused, Shri Balik Ram Gautam. After, examining the explanation received, Dr. Goel has been stripped of the charge of being In-charge of a dispensary.

Instructions have been issued to all Additional Directors of the Zones to intensify surprise inspections and checking of the stores and direct CMO In-charges of the dispensaries in their Zones to exercise stricter vigil to ensure that no such incidence occurs in future, failing which CMO In-charges of the dispensaries will be directly held responsible for any such report in future.